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PARAGRAPHS CONCERNING MICHIGAN

(By Ed A. Nowack)

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 25.—For the sum of \$1,500 a private wrecking concern is attempting to raise the Conservation Department patrol boat No. 1 that sank in 10 feet of water 15 miles northeast of Bay City. Ice floes caused the boat to spring a leak. Her furnishings only are damaged. The boat was a 65-footer, with 10 foot beam, has oil burning engines capable of developing 140 horse power and cost \$35,000 to build.

Development company officials and experts on resort business estimate that the next five years in Michigan will see \$10,000,000 worth of resort property placed on the assessment rolls of the state by reason of improved cement highways along the lake shores.

"Duke" Chilson, Associated Press reporter at the capital, who for years has been on the alert to keep news sources from "putting it over" on him, found out his sorrow December 16 that he couldn't fool other reporters in Lansing about his secret marriage. He managed to keep it quiet for a few days but when "Duke" failed to follow his usual habits the boys told it funny and exacted their toll from the newlyweds.

Level of Lake Michigan is 26 inches below normal. Prof. Head of Ann Arbor reports. Five inches of this fall is attributed to the Chicago drainage canal, two and one-half inches to power plant diversions, one and one-half inches to channel improvements in the St. Clair and Detroit rivers and the balance due to insufficient rainfall.

Michigan leads the union in the matter of controlling its vehicular traffic. She will take a leading part to bring about uniform traffic laws throughout the nation.

Seventy-two per cent of the accidental deaths in Michigan are due to vehicular traffic and 38 per cent of these deaths are children, traffic bureau men state.

Plans are under foot to reclaim some of the river bottom of the Detroit river at Bell Isle for an airplane landing field.

Huron county, keeping track of its traffic violations on the highways for one year ending October 1, last, reports 139 arrests.

For the week ending November 9 the state and private ferries at Mackinaw City carried 1,731 autos across the straits.

Eight cases of extortion have been reported to the authorities in Michigan during the last year for prosecution.

tion.

Cities in Michigan hold 61 per cent of the population of the state, the country holds the remaining 39 per cent. On a statewide basis her population is 63 to the square mile.

Michigan is one-third of the area of Japan with her 54 millions; one fourth the area of France with her 4 millions; one-fourth the area of Germany with her 64 millions.

The length of Michigan from Ohio line to Ironwood in the upper peninsula is 650 miles. Her average width is 200 miles.

Michigan ranks fifth in internal revenue collections for the government; is sixth in mineral wealth and seventh in manufacturing products.

About one person in every six in Michigan today owns an automobile and this rate is to be lowered next year, according to the best estimates.

WORKING 12 MONTHS IN YEAR.

Al Weber, editor and publisher of the Cheboygan Democrat, in a recent issue, says editorially:

"The only agency that is working for us twelve months in the year is the Development Bureau. The only agency that is shouting our praises from the hill tops is the Development Bureau—Surely—it is worth more money to the county than what we pay to have some organization sing our praises into the ears of the world and down out the pessimistic squawks we emit at home."

Mr. Weber vigorously discusses the unenthusiastic attitude of several of the supervisors toward an appropriation to the Development Bureau which appropriation he stigmatizes as an "insignificant sum" and points out that the county spends nothing by any other means to advertise itself except what its two newspapers do at their own expense.

Many Blessings.

The Bay City Times Tribune, editorially discussing in its issue of Dec. 18, the sinking of a shaft for gold at Alpena, a blast of gas at Hillman and the possibility of the presence of rich oil deposits in Northeastern Michigan, under the caption, "Earth's Treasures," pays a glowing and lasting tribute to the prodigality in the shape of fertile areas, wonderful natural resources to attract tourists and an equable climate. The editorial closes in these words:

"And then there is another treasure which Northeastern Michigan possesses in lavish abundance—the great spaces of open air, the lakes and streams, the fish and game which lure to the out-of-doors, to health and to pleasure and which are attracting people in ever-increasing numbers every season and bringing every year hundreds of thousands of dollars to those who reside in this land of plenty."

"Surely Northeastern Michigan is already blessed with the treasures of the earth and should the gold diggers or the oil and gas seekers finally find that for which they are seeking, what a lot of things we of Northeastern Michigan will have to brag about and be thankful for."

S. H. Co. Presents Water Views

MASS MEETING HELD AT BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS.

An open meeting, called by Salling Hanson Co., for the purpose of considering the proposition offered by the Village council for providing a new water works, was held at the Board of Trade rooms Monday night. About 70 persons were present.

Mr. R. Hanson, for the company, opened the meeting and explained the purpose for which it was called. Among the things he said were the following:

Salling Hanson Co. had made an offer to sell the present system, on the north side of the river, for the sum of \$7,000 and would do the pumping for three years for the sum of \$3,500 per year, and the Village was to have all the water derived from the water works, amounting to about \$4,000 per year.

Should the offered proposition pass, all tax payers would have to help pay for water whether they use it or not. Non-water takers would have to help pay the water tax as well as would those who use water.

Salling Hanson Company has been doing business in Grayling 45 years and has always treated the people, they believe, fairly. This year the company pay in taxes in the county \$20,000, which goes to show that they have assumed their part of the burden of running the local governments, and have done so without complaint.

He stated that wrought iron pipe was not sanitary and lasted only about five or six years. In addition to the cost of all the money derived from the water works, it would require a superintendent and three men to operate it, besides the fuel, costing, he estimated, about \$10,000 a year. With this and the raising of \$20,000 each year for two years, was more than the company could stand.

They would sell the present system on reasonable terms. They have no franchise and the Village could tell them to stop at any time they wanted to. If they continue they must have a franchise, however he preferred that the system be taken over by a stock company, everyone desiring to do so be privileged to take stock. Taxes are high now, he stated, and expenditures should be held down. He had been corresponding with the Dow Chemical Company of Midland, hoping that they would locate a chemical plant in Grayling, and that they would have here in the ground the materials required for such a plant. He had also written the du Pont Company asking if they would sell their local plant at a reasonable figure.

He himself, he stated, hoped to continue operations here for some time, and when the big mill ceased to operate as a lumber mill, it was intended to continue manufacturing as a box factory, and there is enough timber here to keep such a factory running for many years. And also negotiations are being held with the federal government to take some of their land for reforestation.

The proposed plan would be an unfavorable tax upon the people. Regarding the water, there is now good water in the homes, from the people's own wells in their own kitchens. He would consider it a sad mistake for the people to pass the proposed proposition.

Attorney Geo. L. Alexander asked the chairman of the special Village water works committee what kind of iron pipe they were planning to use for the proposed new system. Mr. Sales replied that that was still a matter of detail that would have to be worked out, and that the engineers who submitted the proposed plan intended using the kind of pipe that was used in the new Kalamazoo plant that they had helped to install. And they had been aided in determining the cost of construction of a plant here from the known costs of the Kalamazoo plant. Mr. Alexander maintained that the kind of pipe intended to be used was an important matter and the people should have definite information as to the kind of pipe that would be used before they could intelligently vote upon the project.

Mr. R. Hanson, continuing his remarks, said that the report that Salling Hanson Company would quit in two years was all "bunk."

Marius Hanson stated that the new proposition of the Council was too indefinite. Nobody seems to be sure the proposed system could be built for \$40,000.

Continuing, he said that soon after January 1st, the Grayling Electric Co., of which he is the manager, expected a representative from the Fairbanks-Morse Co., manufacturers of gas and oil engines, to come to Grayling to see what can be done about adding extra power to the present plant. He maintained that unless contracts can be secured for supplying electric power for the pumping of the city water and also for supplying electric power to the M. C. R. R. roundhouse shops, that the future outlook will not warrant further enlargement of their electric service. "We are at a point now where we can't take care of the business we now have," he said.

Frank Sales, chairman of the special water works committee of the council, gave an account of the conditions that led up to the proposal made by the Council, asking the voters to empower them to raise \$40,000 for the purpose of constructing a new water works system in the village, the money to be raised by taxation covering

a period of two years. Much of the matter produced by Mr. Sales was published in the *Avalanche* last week in the official Council proceedings. He gave the citizens to understand that the proposal by the council was made in good faith, with no intended injustice to anyone, and looking only to the welfare of the community.

The bond issue that was proposed by the council about a year ago seemed to meet with disapproval, therefore the council determined to offer the present tax-plan proposal. It was necessary that some action be taken at once.

T. W. Hanson, speaking as a private citizen, stated that he considered that municipal ownership was an expensive proposition, according to what he had read. "In the proposition offered today, we have never had a definite understanding," he said, that personally he was in favor of an adequate water system, but it is not in favor of paying for such a plant in two years. The Council was wrong in not replying to Salling Hanson Company's offer, either accepting or rejecting the proposition or making a counter offer.

Walter Nadeau said he did not agree with Mr. Hanson, (T. W.) in what he said about municipal ownership. Mr. Nadeau said that because he was so frequently interrupted, his talk he was unable to say the things he wanted to, so he requested, after the meeting, that the *Avalanche* publish an article that he would submit on the matter, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

Another Purebred.

The good work goes on. Francis Nephew, of Lovells, shipped in last week, by express, a registered purebred Guernsey cow, giving milk, and bred to a \$5,000 sire. Francis and his father, Alfred Nephew, have for quite a while had a longing for genuine purebred stock; so they have entered their choice upon Guernseys, which are a splendid type of dairy animal.

They started the good work by getting rid of the whole bunch of scrub stock, about 27 head. Now they can start in right.

If Francis keeps his grit up he will find himself, in five or six years, in possession of a nice purebred herd of beautiful cattle that will bring in a steady income winter and summer.

We congratulate the Nephews, father and son.

Haven't we some other parents in the county who will help the boy in the family to get a purebred of some kind?

Better Feeding. Whoever wishes to prosper by keeping purebreds or scrubs, must learn more about the art of good feeding. The number of good feeders in Crawford county is small, very small. Too many have the idea that what they can cheat a cow out of in the winter is clear gain. It has never proved so. Cows, if dry and carrying a calf, should receive the choicest care, so that the cow will gain in flesh, and be really fit when the calf is born. This gives the calf a running start on her next milking period. It gives her reserve of vitality and fat to draw upon when she is milking heavily. It also gives the calf a stronger start, and usually makes it stronger and bigger.

Can't Get Something for Nothing. You can't raise the lousy calves from half-starved cows. You can't grow good, large-producing cows from calves born of half-starved mothers.

Too Much. There has been too much for many years, of keeping scrub, low-producing cows, and those half fed. Results plainly show it. There is more butter, shipped into Grayling than our farmers bring in. All that money that is sent out will go towards making our farmers more comfortable.

Why Not Begin? Why cannot more of our farmers make the barns warm? Why not put in more windows? Lots of light is one thing that goes with making cows do well. Most of our barns are dark. Why not put in a tank heater and have the chills well off the water when the cows drink? Cold water in the cow's belly reduces the amount of milk she produces and has to be warmed by the feed she eats.

Cows need to be watered in winter more often than farmers generally water them. They should not be allowed to stand out in the cold winds, which reduces the amount of milk they give. Cows (Continued on last page).

TOURISTS LEFT \$350,000 IN PORT HURON.

Ross Mahon of Port Huron, secretary of the Port Huron Summer Resort bureau, says "A census of the cars visiting Port Huron during the season just passed shows that 125,000 automobiles passed through Port Huron during the summer. Every tourist car leaves about \$3.00 in Port Huron, so from this agency alone Port Huron profited to the extent of between \$350,000 and \$400,000. The summer tourists spent more money than the tourists, naturally, and we conclude that the tourist and resorter left approximately \$750,000 in Port Huron in 1924. Another \$750,000 was left along the shore between Port Huron and Harbor Beach, so that \$1,500,000 was spent in our section."

TEN DIE WHEN SOO TRAIN IS WRECKED

BROKEN SWITCH BOLT GIVEN AS PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

TRESTLE IS SCENE OF ACCIDENT

Derailed Cafe Car Topples Over and Plunges Into Icey Waters Of River 60 Feet Below

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—Ten persons were killed and nine injured when the last coach of an eastbound Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie passenger train plunged from the trestle over the Chippewa river here last week into the icy waters 60 feet below.

Four of the dead have been identified as Mrs. Harry Jones, Sioux City, Iowa; Charles M. Pardos, Minneapolis; Barbara Spencer, 8-month-old daughter of M. L. Spencer, Seattle, and Kenneth J. Henderson, Moose Jaw, Sask.

A broken switch bolt apparently was the cause of the accident, which occurred as the train had just pulled out of the Chippewa Falls depot and picked up speed, then was slowing down again for the usual caution, for the crossing of a 700-foot bridge that spans the Chippewa river about one-half of a mile from the station.

Three cars had passed over a switch near the bridge when a bolt broke. The switch closed on the cafe car which left the rails. The engineer applied the brakes in a desperate effort to halt the train before the disabled car should reach the bridge.

The car reached the edge of the bridge, however, before the train could be stopped, and toppled, half off the bridge and half off the bank, crashing through the ice and lying on its side in the river, half submerged.

Train men from the train and others were first to reach the car over the river ice and start pulling out the dead and injured.

The gates of the Wisconsin dam, three miles up stream were closed and the water thus was lowered nearly two feet at the scene of the wreck greatly expediting rescue work.

WOODRUFF AIDS FORESTRY ACT

Bill Provides For Federal Program of Reforestation

Washington—Forty million dollars for a progressive program of reforestation, a good proportion of which would be used in Michigan; is proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Roy O. Woodruff, of the tenth district. A like measure was presented in the senate by Senator McNary, of Oregon.

This would make \$3,000,000 available July 1, 1927, and the same amounts annually through the fiscal year of 1930. Beginning July 1, 1930, \$5,000,000 would be available yearly, the last appropriation becoming due July 1, 1935.

Mr. Woodruff predicted the passage of the bill would mean that in Michigan alone a million acres would be taken over for the reforestation work of the federal government.

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR REPORTED

Dispatches Indicate Upheaval Over Issue of "Trotskyism"

Washington—Soviet Russia is undergoing a cataclysmic upheaval with two strongest elements in communism arrayed against each other and terrific fighting in the streets of Moscow according to reports reaching Washington.

While neither the White House nor the state department have received official confirmation of the fighting, it is regarded as true as being one of the most significant crises in the bolshevist experiment in government.

Meister dispatches which had been bordering on indications that a conflict bordering on civil war exists at Moscow over the issue of "Trotskyism."

Leon Trotsky, commissar of war in Russia, is reported to be backed by the Red army.

OLDUP MEN MAKE \$8,000 HAUL

Detroit Market Men Bound, Gagged With Adhesive Tape by Thugs

Detroit, Mich.—A holdup gang staged a systematic robbery last Sunday, a which stall keepers in the Broadway market were the victims. The market men surrendered approximately \$8,000. Two engineers and six shopkeepers of the place were forced into the basement, bound and gagged with adhesive tape.

The burglars then set leisurely to work. After having rifled several safes in the various shops, using a sledge hammer to batter combinations, they sauntered out and escaped—presumably in an automobile that had been standing in the alley near a door at which they entered.

The robber victims, who, with the exception of the one of the engineers, had been seized when they came to the market after the marauders were in possession.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson
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A CHRISTMAS be merry, and withal. And feast thy poor neighbor, the great with the small.

So wrote the poet Tassier many years ago, but the suggestion is just as pertinent today as it was then. If anything, we need to be reminded of our duty to our fellow-men more today than our fathers did—more today, indeed, than ever before. This is true because the need for brotherhood is even more patent than at any other period of the history of the world.

We live in an age when we think solely of ourselves and our immediate families and we should have brought to our attention the fact that we owe a debt to our neighbor and that that debt must be paid. The story is told of a rich man who prayed—Oh, Lord, bless me and my wife, my son, John, and his wife, My four And no more!

We blush for shame that there could be found one who is so narrow, yet I am assured that such people exist today. There are those who, when they have satisfied the needs of their own, assume a self-satisfied air and say that they have done their whole duty. Approach such a person and remind him of the need of a friend or a neighbor and he will ask the time-worn question: "Am I my brother's keeper? Haven't I enough to do to look after my own family?" The teachings of Jesus Christ answer the first question in the affirmative (and the latter in the negative) with even more emphasis than God answered Cain when he originated the selfish inquiry. Jesus taught that the Decalogue is summed up in the greater commandment—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and His definition of "neighbor" is any one who needs our help. Territorial or other limitations do not apply when the case of one in need is before us.

There is no geographical limitation when we are extending the hand of assistance to one who needs our help:



The Spirit of Christmas.

wherever there is found one or more whom we can (and should) assist, there neighborliness must begin.

A minister once approached one of his parishioners with the request for a contribution for the purpose of doing Christian work abroad. The particular field he had in mind was China. The man replied that he was willing to help his neighbors but did not think he was called upon to help those as far away as China.

"Whom do you consider your neighbor?" asked the minister. "The man whose farm adjoins me," was the prompt reply. "How far down into the earth does your land extend?" was the next question and the farmer just as promptly answered: "To the center!" "Very well," said the minister quickly, "There is a man down in China whose land joins yours at the center of the earth; he is therefore your neighbor and needs your help." This was a new thought to the slow-going church member. He learned his lesson and we need to learn the same. Only as we do so will we be able to broaden our lives into the fullness of the life of Jesus the Christ.

The application of the teaching of Jesus to business and society would produce a perpetual Christmas season; a time of peace and joy and happiness lasting throughout the year.

The giving of cheap presents or money, however, does not constitute Christmas; as well expect a bouquet of flowers (however lovely) to constitute summer! The Christmas spirit, rather than the Christmas show, honors Him whose birth, no less than His life, was the greatest Christmas gift the world has ever received. The Christmas spirit brings us into closer touch with Him whose very life was an exemplification of the precept: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus let not the going down of the sun mark the decline of the Christmas spirit but, as the Yule some and go, and we enter the new year, let us each one reach out the loving hand to the sick, the unfortunate and the outcast, remembering that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me!"

Change All Into Love
Christmas day shall change all
grievs and quarrels into love—Shakespeare.

\$100,000 TO ADVERTISE NORTH-EASTERN MICHIGAN.

The East Michigan Tourists association, comprising 37 counties on the east side of Michigan from Cheboygan to the Ohio state line, has set \$100,000 as its goal in 1925 to advertise the recreational resources of East Michigan to one-third the population of the United States. This figure is an increase of more than 100 per cent over the 1924 quota and was adopted at a joint meeting of the executive committees of the East Michigan Tourist association and the North Eastern Michigan Development bureau, held at the Durant Hotel in Flint, December 10.

The subscriptions approximating \$10,000 were reported to the Tourist organization. H. William Klare, manager of the Statler hotel, Detroit, and vice president of the Tourists association is chairman of a budget committee which will designate the amounts to be subscribed from each of the 37 counties.

At a luncheon in the grill room, business men of Flint were guests of the executive committees and manifested a keen interest in the activities of the Tourist association. D. D. Aitken, of Flint, former congressman, sounded the keynote of Flint sentiment, during his talk, when he said in part:

"There is no question but that East Michigan has been sadly neglected so far as the tourist is concerned. We are going to get results in proportion as we tell the people of other states about what we have. The problem is one of publicity. The tourist is a great crop. California has demonstrated this. California's increase in population was made largely through tourists. No country on the face of the earth offers as much as East Michigan and East Michigan has the most ideal thing to sell. We in Flint are with you in believing that East Michigan is worth while."

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the state board of agriculture to negotiate the sale of 12,560 acres of agriculture college lands, lying within the boundary of the Michigan National forest, to the Forestry department of the federal government.

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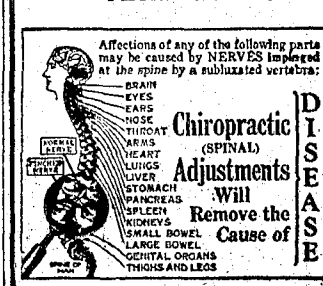
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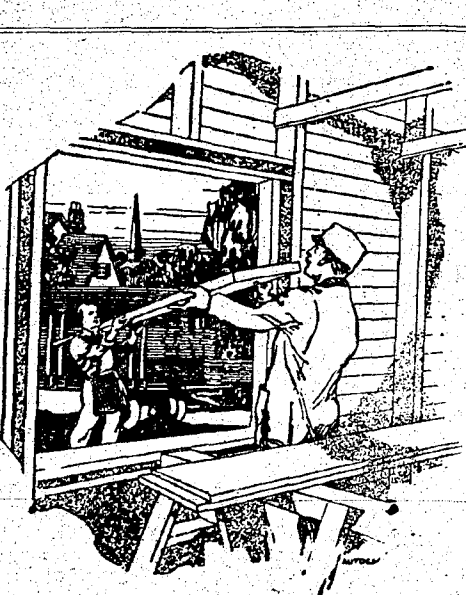
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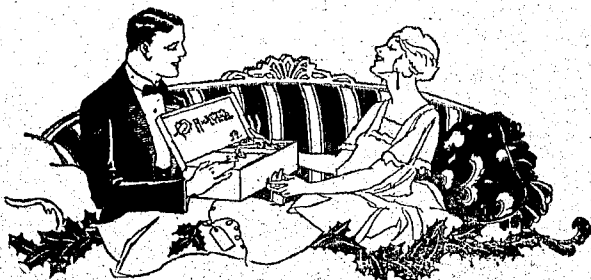
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

Locals

Victor Petersen and family are spending Christmas at Wayne, Mich., guests of relatives of Mrs. Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rottier and son of Detroit are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman and family.

Miss Helen Ziebell is home from Ferris Institute, Big Rapids for the holiday vacation, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup and children of Detroit are spending Christmas with the latter's mother Mrs. Victor Salling and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merry and children of Grayling are spending Christmas with Mrs. Merry's parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doroh are enjoying having as their guests over Christmas, the latter's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ketzbeck of Detroit.

Supt. B. E. Smith returned home from Grand Rapids Wednesday morning, where he had been in attendance at a meeting of the State Teachers assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woods of Bay City and Percy Palling of Ann Arbor, over Christmas.

"When Daylight Fades and Lamps are Lit" is the title of a calendar sent out by Kearny & Hanson, Flooring Company. It is a hand-painted water color and exceptionally handsome.

Special sale on flowers—potted plants that formerly sold for \$1.50 to \$2.50 each, reduced to \$1.00 each. Also big reduction on roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Grayling Greenhouses.

Yuletide guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy are Mr. and Mrs. Earle J. Hewitt and family of Detroit, Misses Margaret and Bernadette Cassidy of Grand Rapids and Miss Hazel, who is home from the State Normal college, Ypsilanti for the holidays.

B. Peter Johnson some time ago sold his interest in the Cosmopolitan hotel to Alonzo Collen, who has opened a restaurant and soft drink parlor. Mr. Johnson recently bought the old Fred Ayers property on Chestnut street, from Walmer Jorgenson, and has moved into same.

The Michelson Memorial Sunday school held their Christmas exercises and tree at Danebod hall Tuesday evening. After a very nice program, Santa Claus distributed gifts, candy and nuts to the members of the Sunday school and the parents were served with cake and coffee. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The annual Christmas program and tree for the children of St. Mary's parish was held Monday evening at

the Temple Theatre. There was a large number of little folks as well as the fathers and mothers in attendance. The program was much enjoyed, after which each child received a large stocking of nuts and candy.

PERSONAL OPINION.

Grayling, Mich.,
December 23rd, 1924.

Friends, Taxpayers and Water Consumers:

I am very glad to see the apparent enthusiasm in the proposed water question but I am heartily sorry that there were no speakers on the floor at the recent meeting in the Board of Trade rooms, that were in accord with the plans of the village council.

In my estimation it is to your own interest that our Council is working and I mean that one of the speakers said a mouth full when he said in his talk that we should confide in and back our council in its efforts at all times, as the council represents our people.

In the personnel of our present council we can safely rely on their judgement in providing us with a system embracing the proper and effective materials incidental to such a proposition as this.

With regard to backing our Council, this is something that our village has apparently failed to do in the past to a certain extent. However it is not too late to start, for I for one will be always in accord and support the good efforts of our present Loyal Citizens and Village President, dear old Daddy Conine and his worthy council, especially in their earnest endeavors to put across an efficient and reliable water system.

With regard to another reference concerning the Gaylord Municipal plan, you no doubt have noticed that the reason for its failure in that city was due to the fact that nobody seemed to care how it was run and that there was but one report submitted to the public, according to this speaker.

This dear friends you do not doubt realize is the only reason advanced why municipal ownership failed in that city. Why not get our mits on while we have an absolutely true blue village President and Council, and see that it stays honest by constant censorship, support it in this present strife, and by knowledge we have attained from the errors of our neighboring city, as explained to us by the speaker, strive to avoid such a fate, as we will never have a better opportunity.

Why spend \$17,500.00 in three years and have nothing but a second hand pump and worn out watermains, while we can just as well have a dependable and permanent water system by just multiplying these wasted dollars by two and adding the sum to \$35,000.00.

Now, regarding the maintenance of such a system, our council has a splendid and inexpensive plan, and I am quite sure that they can be depended upon to carry it out.

Let's put on our thinking caps, think of ourselves, show it at the polls when we vote, always voting for the progressive thinking man regardless of the party or creed, so that our city government will always be safe from failure or criticism, materially and financially.

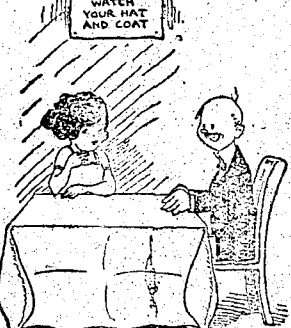
Yours respectfully,

Walter J. Nadeau.

A taxpayer and water consumer.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK

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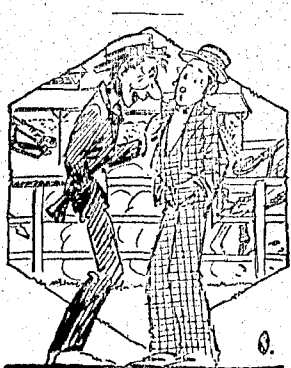
He—People tell me you've been angling for me for over a year.
She—That's only a polite way of telling you what they think of you, you poor fish.

SCRAP SCRAPPING WIVES



Friend—What do you think of scrapping wives?
Mr. Meekton—I'm for it! When's it going to begin?

GOOD ADVICE



"Hey, Joel. At last I've figured out a sure way to beat the races."
"Gee! Howzat?"
"Don't bet!"

The Actor's Christmas Party

By H. Lucius Cook

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ALL of the actors of the Zo-roaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople. Billy had been there six weeks, now, and was living at Mrs. Perkins' on Center street. Hence Center street was particularly thrilled at this time, because it had never before harbored a real live actor, and it could not quite get used to the idea.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenses. She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rooming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms, did not cause any extra bother, and so far as she could determine, was a human being much like the rest of us.

It did seem strange to her, however, that a young unmarried man should receive one hundred and fifty dollars a week when Mr. Perkins with his family had earned only that much a month. She wondered if it was honest. And then, too, she did not always know just what to make of Billy's attentions to her. Why, one time when she had fallen asleep on the sofa without a covering, he had gone to his own room and got his genuine Japanese silk kimono and covered her with it. She had found it over her when she woke up.

Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the Ladies' Aid society, when one of the progressive ladies asked:

"Well, what are we to do with him for Christmas? It doesn't seem right not to do anything, when he is away from his people and all."

Everyone else had been thinking the same thing, but had not dared mention it, and none of them had any suggestions to make. No one dared ask him to dinner (they were so shy), and Mrs. Perkins herself, who really should have asked him, had decided to go to the hotel so as not to have to do so. They certainly could not give him ties or socks, as Mrs. Perkins asserted, then that he had hundreds of socks and thousands of ties, which everyone readily believed, as they had never seen him dressed twice the same.

It certainly looked like a cold Christmas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Wellers for many years. Every Christmas she made mittens for all the children in the neighborhood, and when they gave too big for mittens, she gave candy to the girls and neckties to the boys. She was a community institution, but nobody ever thought of her in connection with Billy.

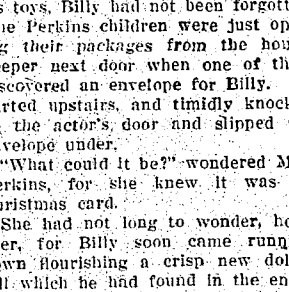
But when Christmas morning arrived, and Center street was busy with its toys, Billy had not been forgotten. The Perkins children were just opening their packages from the housekeeper next door when one of them discovered an envelope for Billy. He darted upstairs, and timidly knocked on the actor's door and slipped the envelope under.

"What could it be?" wondered Mrs. Perkins, for she knew it was no Christmas card.

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down flourishing a crisp new dollar bill which he had found in the envelope, and called to one of the children coming he told Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present, and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper. He told her to take the children over there quickly, as he would be back in twenty minutes.

True to his word, he was there in twenty minutes, and with him the whole Ladies' Aid society, and to the delight of everyone, a whole gallon of ice cream which he and the kindly housekeeper served to all assembled, with many jokes and much merriment. Then Billy sang some rousing Christmas songs, kissed the housekeeper on the brow and thanked all the ladies home.

He had so many invitations to dinner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he really liked her best of all.



"What did your wife give you for Christmas?"
"Nothing."
"That was tough."
"Well, it might have been a necktie or a smoking jacket."

A Fourth of July Santa Claus

By Eleanor E. King

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IT WAS the great day of the Fourth of July, and Tommy, like all the other seven children of the busy Allister family was out bright and early. Tommy had a great friend in the lady next door. So, Tommy had learned, and, by the way, kept it a safe secret from the rest of the troop, that when his stomach growled too loudly, if he were to go to next door he most always could get a piece of the best bread and jam, and perhaps run an errand or two for her to ease his conscience.

Tommy, bright and early, had found his way over to Mrs. Askins', as he called her. She was busy getting ready to go to a picnic.

"You see, Tommy," she explained in answer to his questions, "this man who is coming with his car to take us out to his house where we are to have our picnic, is an old chum of Mr. Askins'."

As they loaded the things into the car Tommy trooped along and was introduced to Mr. Miller. While they stood there Tommy spied a balloon man coming down the street. As the noise of the horn grew nearer, Tommy's eyes enlarged.

"Aren't those whoopsters, though?" Tommy sighed. "Gee!"

"Wouldn't you like one, Tommy?" suggested Mr. Miller, digging into his pocket. "Now, I'll tell you, Tommy, if you know my name next year when I come after those folks on the Fourth, I'll buy you another balloon."

It was almost Christmas now, and Tommy was once more in the Askins' kitchen, watching preparations for another feast, but of a different sort. The most wonderful pies, cakes and puddings were being evolved. Suddenly, Tommy burst forth:

"Say, Mrs. Askins, do you remember what that man said?"

"No, Tommy; what are you thinking about?"

"Do you suppose he will come back? You know he bought me a balloon, and said if I remembered his name he would buy me another when he came back."

"Of course he will," said Mrs. Askins.

"Oh, I am so glad. My mother she just says I am silly when I ask her, and says I am too busy to be bothered with that. Run along now, and go know," Tommy hastened to add, "I haven't forgotten his name either. It's Miller."

That night Mr. Miller dropped in on Tommy at the Askins'. Before he departed Mrs. Askins had a moment of conversation with him alone. He said, "All right," leaving with the merriest kind of a twinkle in his eyes.

Christmas Eve came. Daddy and Mother Allister were doing their best to keep from looking sorrowful. They

knew only too well that they could never begin to give the children the number of things each wanted. The children had all gone to bed. Just Daddy and Mother Allister were in the parlor fixing up a little, scraggly tree when a knock, ever so gentle on the front door, attracted their attention.

"I am sorry to bother you at this hour, but I wanted to wait until I was sure Tommy would be in bed. Perhaps you would feel better to know my name—Miller," he said, shaking hands with Mr. Allister after depositing his load on the table. "I've a tree outside here," and he hurried out to get it.

The next morning was never equaled in all the Annals of the Allister family. Such excitement, such happiness Tommy, after his recovery from surprise and rapture over his toys, ran to his happy mother as she was trying to get breakfast. Tugging at his skirts, he said, "You see, mother, that man I met on Fourth of July was Santa Claus, and his name is Mr. Miller."

The Christmas Message

Christmas represents a great historic event and spiritual truth—the most important of all events, the most precious of all truths—no less than the coming of God to earth, in human nature, in the person of a child, to save us from our sins. That makes the wonder and the glory and the blessing, in the birth of Jesus. He came to express the divine love, and by His sacrificial death, to make that love effective unto the salvation of all who should believe on him. The cross on Calvary marks the tragedy in the life of the child born at Bethlehem. It also makes its glory—Presbyterian Banner.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

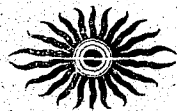


A Merry Xmas to All Our Friends

The good-will of our customers is one of our biggest assets. In token of the business friendship existing between us during the past year, we send you the greetings of the season and hope that your New Year will be a highly prosperous one.

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WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH ORDER.

ODD JOBS—ANYONE NEEDING A man to do any kind of odd jobs or carpenter work, phone or inquire at Avalanche office. Arthur Wendt.

SALESMAN WANTED: PREFER man with auto acquainted in Crawford and adjoining counties. Opportunity for hard worker to establish business paying \$200.00 and upward per month. Stetson Oil Co., Station E, Cleveland, O.

LOST—MONDAY NIGHT, AN ADJUSTABLE back to a child's sled, between the Lorane Sparks home and downtown. If found kindly leave at Avalanche office. 12-18-2

LOST—SATURDAY A HEAVY truck weed chain, between Tony Nelson's barn back of the saw mill and downtown district. If found call Wm. Evans at Wa-Wa-Sum. 12-18-2

FOR SALE OR RENT—6-ROOM house on Spruce St., in good location, and in good condition. M. Mary Turner.

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WANTED—A MAN TO DO CHORES in the country for the winter for his board. Address Box 67—Grayling. 12-18-2

FOR SALE—2 PAIR SNOW SHOES, new; 2 black and tan hounds, 100 steel traps, 1 beagle hound. Nate Smith, ad Axe, Mich. care of R. Dukelow, Route 4.

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FOR SALE—2 COWS, 2 CALVES, 5 pigs, 1 Brood Sow, must sell, at once. Will help to deliver. Apply at Avalanche office. 12-18-1

HOUSE FOR RENT—GOOD LOCATION. Inquire at residence of E. G. Clark, Cedar Street.

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WOULD BE PLEASED



Bum Composer—Would you like to hear my last song?
The Grouch—It would give me genuine pleasure, my dear sir.

SNOW ON HER BROW



Brother—Jane's brow is like the snowdrift.
Sister—I never knew her to put it on that thick.



Christmas Greetings

We wish our Friends a—

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Greetings!

In the friendly spirit of Christmas, we desire to extend to our patrons and friends our cordial appreciation of the good-will they have shown us and take this occasion to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

In the future, as in the past, we shall continue our efforts to carry out the message of good-will toward men, by applying the rule in business as in private life.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1924

Ernest and Lester Olson are home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Martha McMasters is spending the holidays in Bay City visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint are spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends here.

Russell Robertson left Tuesday to visit over Christmas at the home of his sister Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Mrs. Marius Hanson was hostess to the Bridge club Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Holger Peterson held the highest score.

Elmer Fenton, who has been in Alma the past few months returned to Grayling Saturday expecting to remain here.

Miss Kristine Salling is home from the State Normal college, Ypsilanti, to spend the holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Victor Salling.

Village President R. D. Connine and wife left Tuesday to be guests of their son Harry and family at Birmingham over Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson, who have been in Adrian since September, where the former has been employed, have returned to Grayling.

Little Helen Elaine McLeod is ill with scarlet fever at the home of her grandmother Mrs. A. Hermann, and the home is under quarantine.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling Dec. 29 & 30, to look after his optical practice.

Henry Ahman, who is attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ahman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Martin, Mich. over the holidays.

Einer Jorgenson, who has been employed in Detroit the past couple of months is home to spend Christmas visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Jorgenson.

No one advocates or wants to make a law forbidding boys and girls to work for wages before they are 18 years of age, on the farm or in other suitable places.

These state laws provide for protecting child labor from certain dangerous occupations or by limiting the number of hours which they may work in factories, mines, etc.

Richard and Miss Claribelle Lovely are spending the holidays at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely. They are attending Ferris Institute this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeven and daughter Gloria of Detroit are spending the holidays visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven and Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque and children of Flint are expected to arrive Saturday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Creque's parents Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen.

Miss Rosemary Mahoney, who is attending Sacred Heart academy in Grand Rapids arrived Saturday to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mahoney.

It is doubtful whether any legislation forbidding the employment of boys and girls under 18 are tending to raise a generation of soft handed, white collar idlers and street loafers.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson, who is employed in Ann Arbor and Herman Hanson, who is attending Ferris Institute are spending the holidays visiting their mother Mrs. Hansine Hanson.

No state has passed any such law but it is an open question whether the people should give Congress any jurisdiction over this matter and lay the foundation for an army of federal employees to interfere with our children.

A. B. Failing, who is employed at the T. E. Douglas store in Lovells, left Sunday night for Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays with his daughter, Miss Francis Failing, who is attending school in that city, and making her home with her aunt Mrs. A. H. Wetz.

Mrs. John Edward's Sunday school class enjoyed a Christmas party at Danebod hall last Saturday afternoon each member of the class receiving a nice gift. Part of the afternoon was spent preparing a box of nice things to be sent to the folks at the County infirmary.

Mrs. Arnold Burrows and children left Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Walker at Cheboygan. The past week Mrs. Burrows has been enjoying a visit from her brother Frank Walker, who has been sailing the Great Lakes and was enroute to his home in Cheboygan.

Word has been received by friends of the death of Harvey Avery at his home in Traverse City on Friday, December 5th. Mr. Avery who was a traveling salesman for the Atkins Saw Co., had been on the road for 45 years, and during that time made his regular trips to Grayling so that he was quite well and favorably known.

George Burke, knowing that the kiddies of Grayling were to be treated by the American Legion this Christmas, decided to spend the \$70.00 which he had laid aside as a Christmas fund, among the children in the country, and so numerous gifts and candies and nuts were sent by him to each school teacher in the country schools of the county to distribute to the children in their vicinity. This was very fine of Mr. Burke and no doubt the kiddies remembered greatly appreciate his generosity.

Mrs. Grant Thompson spent the week end visiting Mrs. Frank Tetu.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Clare.

Emil Giegling left Tuesday for Manistee to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle are spending Christmas with friends in Saginaw.

George Burke and B. E. Smith left Sunday on a business trip to Detroit and Toledo.

Miss Ruth Ryan of Petoskey is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Frank Whipple left Thursday for Lansing where he will be employed for the winter.

Mrs. S. D. Dunham, daughter Ardith and son Russell left Tuesday for Detroit to visit relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown are spending Christmas with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff at Bay City.

Miss Janet Matson is expected to arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents Mrs. and Mrs. Efner Matson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett left Wednesday for Bay City to spend Christmas with the latter's sister Mrs. F. G. Staggall and family.

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Fred Edwards who attends the Deaf and Dumb school at Flint is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and family.

Miss Mildred Corwin who teaches school in Lansing is spending Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin and family.

James Richardson who attends M. A. C. is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Richardson in South Branch township.

Don't miss the basket ball game Saturday, Dec. 27 between Grayling American Legion team and the Community Service Stars of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Chicago and Roy Brown of Bay City arrived Monday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown and family.

The children of the Frederic school gave a pleasing program Tuesday evening and same was largely attended. The program will appear in our issue of next week.

Miss Beulah Collen who attends Detroit business University arrived home Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Collen.

Miss Ruth McCullough arrived home Tuesday afternoon from Detroit City college to spend the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

The children of the F. M. church held their annual Xmas program at the church last Saturday evening and a large crowd attended same. Sacks of candy and nuts were given to each child.

Mrs. Hattie Bissonette and son Claude left Saturday for Pinceton to visit relatives for a few days. They will spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Florence Gunderson in Detroit and before returning will visit Mrs. Earl Kidd at Jackson.

Revival meetings of the Free Methodist church will begin with a watch night service New Year's Eve and continue indefinitely. Rev. Haywood district elder of the Northeast Michigan Conference is expected to be here on Jan. 6 to take charge of the services.

The basket ball game that was scheduled to be played Saturday between Grayling American Legion team and the Saginaw Triangles has been cancelled. However Manager Hanson has secured a game for that date with the Community Service team of Bay City. Don't miss this game. It promises to be a good one.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. James Olson and children of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tope and daughter Marion Jean of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. William Pober and two daughters of Detroit, Miss Marjorie Peterson of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson of Grand Rapids.

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Peace and Good-Will were proclaimed to the whole world on Christmas day. This is a time for cheer and happiness and we trust our friends may be abundantly blessed with the spirit of Christmas at this time.

Our sincere wishes go out to our people, and may the day be a merry one for all.

Sincerely,

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Phone 1251



Annual charity ball for benefit of Mercy Hospital Wednesday evening December 31. Tickets are now on sale. Good music and pleasing entertainment.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield are spending Christmas, guests of Mrs. Canfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller of Gladwin.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO GRAYLING PEOPLE

NELS MICHELSON GIVES BALANCE DUE ON NEW CHURCH.

I received an announcement from Mr. Nels Michelson today, that he would make a Christmas gift to the Michelson Memorial M. E. church, of the amount necessary to complete and dedicate it free of debt, which is approximately \$10,000.

We are very grateful to Mr. Michelson for his Christian beneficence.

It is impossible to state definitely at this time just when the church will be dedicated, but we trust that it may not be far distant.

J. Herman Baughn.
December 24, 1924.

Mrs. by Purchase.
A girl's features may be stamped on a young man's heart, but it is always her complexion that shows on his coat collar.—Boston Transcript.

MRS. JOSEPH VANCE PASSED AWAY.

Mrs. Joseph Vance passed away at her home near Lovells on Sunday, December 14, at the age of 42 years. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 10:30, Rev. F. E. Hart of Frederic officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Kittle cemetery north of Mio.

Mary Young was born in Elmer township, Oscoda county, August 26, 1882. She was united in marriage to Joseph Vance on December 25, 1901, at the age of 19 years.

To the union six children were born, Mary, Vila, Sarah, Myrtle, Cora and Barbara. Cora died at the age of six weeks.

The deceased leaves to mourn her passing her husband, five daughters and two brothers, James and John Young of Mio, besides a host of neighbors and friends.

THE REASON THEY GROW.

"Any business with a large number of customers who purchase something which they actually need every day and who purchase from no other source must be inherently a safe business. These are the conditions under which electric light power companies operate and are sufficient in themselves to explain the remarkable stability of such companies for the investment of capital."—John J. O'Brien, President, H. M. Byllesby Company.

NOTICE.

I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER, 12-4-3 Treas. Frederic Township.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their many kindnesses, and floral offerings during our great sorrow.
Joseph Vance and Family.

APPRECIATION.

We wish to thank the Mr. Hansons, Mr. Atkinson, and other business men, who so kindly contributed towards the Free Methodist Sunday school Christmas treat. There was a large crowd of children, among whom no doubt were some who would not otherwise have been treated. Some of the money was used to buy clothing, and supplies for Christmas dinners and some candy.

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The GIFT SHOP

Greetings!

It is with more than ordinary pleasure that we extend to our many friends of Grayling our greetings this holiday season.

May our wishes for your present and future happiness and comfort be multiplied many fold each succeeding day.

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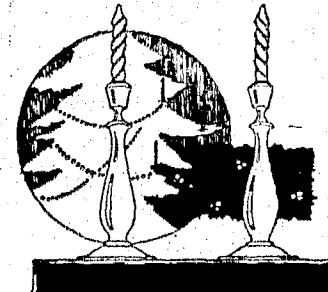
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New Year to
Make Much
History



with the people, who will continue to deal directly with congress, through their own organizations. A comprehensive recreational survey of the country is already under way. The National Outdoor Recreation conference, the new organization, declares for the protection against commercial invasion of the 20 units of the national park system and for the maintenance of the standard in parks to be created. Its general declaration of this policy is this:

Resolved, That outdoor recreation furnishes opportunity to gain abundance of health, strength, wholesome enjoyment, understanding and love of nature, good fellowship and keen sportsmanship and, above all, has a direct beneficial influence on the formation of sturdy character by developing those qualities of self-control, endurance under hardship, reliance on self and co-operation with others in team work which are so necessary to good citizenship.

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN
His smiling countenance which looks out at you from these columns is supposed to be that of a good American citizen who is glad that he is alive. He looks the part. He is also supposed to be particularly glad that he is alive in 1925, for the reason that history is in the making these days and the new year is likely to see considerable that is new. And of course, this good American likes to see new things. That's human nature.

"There is nothing new under the sun," according to the old saw. But the saying is very old and the man who said it lived a long while ago. Doubtless he was a smart man—so smart that if he were reincarnated he'd hunt up an alibi the very first thing. For nowadays the day is pretty much wasted that does not produce something new. And as fast as the new things bob up, the newspapers print it on the first page and we all know about it almost before it happens. Let a German alchemist at 10 p. m. discover a way to make gold and the man in San Francisco reads the headlines the next morning—and skips the text because he heard all about it the night before on the radio.

ONE new thing that we are sure to have is a new President. He's the same Calvin Coolidge, to be sure, who's been occupying the White House, but now he is going to be President in his own right. He says he's not going to rock the boat because of that—which is a pretty good joke. In its own dry way—but there's likely to be a difference, just the same. It wouldn't surprise everybody if 1925 saw something new in politics.

And of course there will be millions upon millions of new "good resolutions"—every American worth his salt makes them. Incidentally, the good American who is looking about for one worth while can do much worse than turn back to President Coolidge's Thanksgiving proclamation. He mentions some of the many, many reasons why Americans should be thankful and concluded with this suggestion—quite as timely as New Year's:

We shall do well to accept all these favors and bounties with a becoming humility, and dedicate them to the service of the righteous cause of the giver of all good and perfect gifts. As the nation has prospered, let all the people show that they are worthy to prosper by rededicating America to the service of God and man.

Thought Calf Would Do

A town girl who had married a well-to-do countryman was asked by her husband if she would like to have a cow of her own so that the household could have its own supply of fresh milk. She agreed willingly, and the couple went to a farm to purchase a cow.

The farmer, who was perhaps less truthful than the majority of his kind, told them his cow was quite unlike

any other cow that had ever lived. As to her milking capacity, she gave ten quarts a day.

The bride did a rapid calculation and said to her husband: "We can never use all that. We don't need such a big cow. Buy a calf."

In the Park

Julia—Let's go, Herbert. I felt a raindrop on my cheek.
Herbert—No, no! We're just seated under a weeping willow tree.

Make Hand to Play Piano

The making of what virtually is a new hand for Elizabeth Mathieson, fourteen years old, that she may realize her ambition to become pianist at the piano, is the unusual feat that surgeons at Johns Hopkins hospital have performed, says the Washington Star.

When Elizabeth was learning to walk, she fell against a stove and burned both hands. The left hand re-

sponded to treatment, but the right gave indications of knotting into a fist. Surgeons decided to try to restore the hand to use by plastic surgery. Small bits of flesh were removed from the girl's leg and grafted to the hand, which was then fitted with a plaster cast to remodel it to normal shape. Surgeons said that the cast is doing its work, and that the girl will be able to live the hospital shortly.

Make good—or make room.

The Kitchen Cabinet

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Ability doesn't count, knowledge is useless, experience has no worth without the driving force of optimism.—Kaufman.

NICE THINGS FOR TEA

The afternoon tea, whether it is a real function or just a pleasant getting-together of three or four, is not complete unless the sandwich plate is well filled.

Butter should be creamed and spread very evenly making a thin coating over the entire slice, which is cut very thin, and then may be cut into various shapes as one's taste dictates.

The crusts which are trimmed from the bread in making sandwiches may be tossed into a little melted butter and served with the soup for dinner or luncheon. If not served as croutons, roll and use as crumbs for a thousand dishes.

Tuna Sandwiches.—Mix one-half cupful of tuna fish, add one-half teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, two tablespoonfuls of tomato catsup and enough mayonnaise to moisten about two tablespoonfuls. Mix to a paste and spread on this buttered whole wheat bread. Cover, press and cut into triangles or strips.

Banana Sandwiches.—Slice bananas very thin the long way and put a layer on thinly sliced buttered gram bread. Squeeze a little lemon juice over the banana and sprinkle with a little grated maple sugar or brown sugar, and a few chopped nuts. Cover with a top slice and cut into desired shapes.

Favorite Sandwiches.—Chop fine, crisp tender celery to make one-half cupful. To this add one-half cupful of tuna fish minced fine, add one tablespoonful each of minced green and red pepper. Mix well and moisten with one-fourth of a cupful of mayonnaise and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Prepare as usual and serve on white bread.

Ignore your faults by ceasing to mention them. Thus you may have leisure to cultivate your good qualities.

FOODS TO ENJOY

As soup is a good beginning and no meal is quite complete without one, try this:

Oxtail Soup.—Have three oxtails split by the butcher, cut into small pieces and fry them in a little suet until brown. Now place them in a soup kettle, add two dozen cloves, one-half cupful of onions chopped, and also fried; one large carrot cut into dice, one-fourth of a cupful of browned flour. Add salt and pepper to season, and two pounds of lean beef with a dash of two of cayenne. Cover with four quarts of cold water, bring to a boil, then simmer on the back of the stove for three hours, or in a fireless cooker for five hours. Strain and serve.

Stuffed Peppers.—Parboil a slice of ham and simmer for five minutes. Drain, reserving the liquid. Put the ham and a dozen soda crackers through the meat grinder, mix with one cupful of tomatoes and two well-beaten eggs. Chop one very small onion, and a few sprigs of parsley very fine and add to the mixture. Wash six peppers, cut them into halves, remove the seeds and white ribs and fill the shells with the mixture. Place in a baking dish and surround with the water in which the ham was cooked. Bake in a hot oven.

Salmon Mould.—Cut one onion into slices and saute in two tablespoonfuls of butter. Remove the onion and add one tablespoonful of flour to the butter, one-half teaspoonful of mustard, a few grains of cayenne, one-half tablespoonful of salt, one and one-half tablespoonfuls of sugar, three-fourths of a cupful of milk and one-fourth cupful of vinegar and two well-beaten egg yolks. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Add three-fourths of a tablespoonful of gelatin soaked in two tablespoonfuls of cold water. Strain and add to one can of salmon which has been carefully flaked. Fill individual molds and serve with:

Cucumber Sauce.—Beat one-half cupful of heavy cream until thick, add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a few grains of pepper and gradually two tablespoonfuls of vinegar; then add one pared, chopped and drained cucumber.

Beef Goulash.—Dice one-quarter of a pound of salt pork and fry it with two medium-sized onions until golden brown. While the onions and pork are cooking take one pound of round steak and rub two tablespoonfuls of flour on each side. Then cut the steak into two-inch pieces. Place the fried onions and pork in a casserole and cover with four large potatoes and four carrots, peeled and quartered. Lay in the meat squares and pour over three cupfuls of tomato sauce, with two teaspoonfuls of salt and one-eighth of a teaspoonful of pepper. Add one-eighth of a teaspoonful of celery salt, cover and bake two and one-half hours.

Remarkable
"Lafe Patter happened to a queer accident yesterday. In the crossroads stood related Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. He was out turkey hunting and started to crawl through the brush, dragging his loaded and cocked shotgun after him."

"Great day!" ejaculated the proprietor of the emporium. "And it went off and shot the pore cuss?"

"Uh-uh! That's the queer part; it didn't go off."—Kansas City Star.

Famous London Street

Grub street, London, has been renamed Milton street. It was a street in which many writers lived who had not yet "arrived," so became a general name for the haunts of newly writers.

South Wales' Coal Wealth

The South Wales' coal field, covering approximately 1,000 square miles, is the largest in the British Isles, and supplies more coal for export than any other British coal field.

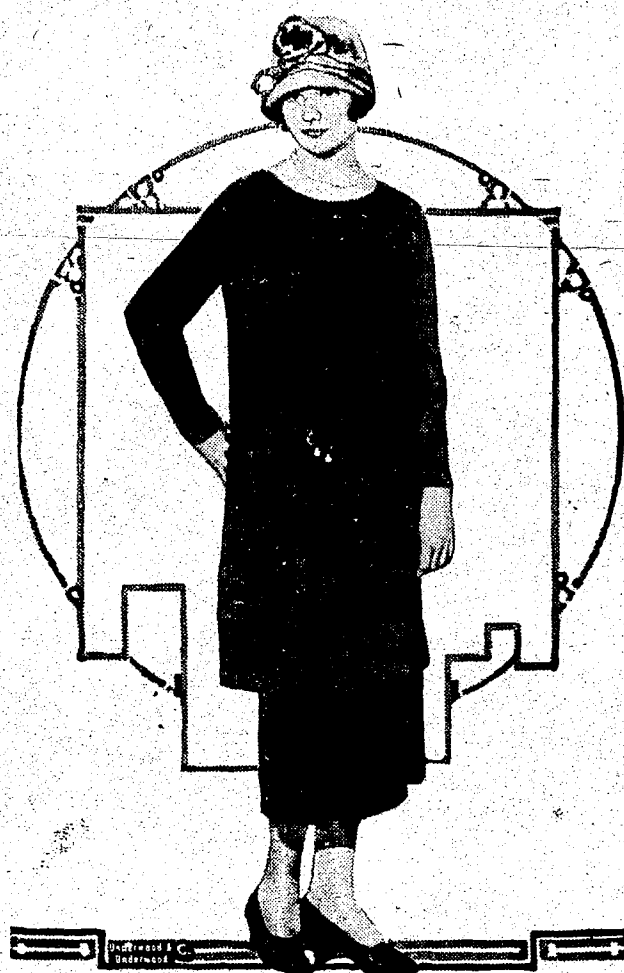
NEW BLOUSES ARE STUNNING; SPRING STYLES ARE SIGHTED

THIS overblouse is a special dispensation of good fortune for adding variety and chic to the practical wardrobe. In a between-seasons period, like the present, it is a resource for spicing up one's belongings with something new.

The last word in blouses may be gathered just now, from the collections prepared for wear at Southern resorts, including sports, tailored and dressy types. In the last class belong many pretty models made of printed fabrics in silk or lightweight wool, finished

in new ideas in their adornment and styling. For many of them, camel's hair twill, in plain colors, is used while dresser models are coming in plain and printed crepes.

The straightline is varied often—the tunic leading other methods, followed by plints introduced at the sides or at the front. An attractive frock with plaited panels at the sides is illustrated here. It has a narrow girde of the goods and bishop sleeves, with an ornamental band of colored embroidery inserted. The plain, nar-



One of the Pretty New Arrivals.

row wrist bands are prettily finished with ties of ribbon and the old neck opening is finished in the same way. Since the slender silhouette is scheduled to remain in our midst for some time, new ways of "personalizing" day frocks have been introduced on spring models. These appear in small, quaint embroideries in single motifs as a Japanese fisherman, or a little bulldog, stitched above a small pocket—the watchdog of the treasury—or two, or three butterflies near the shoulder. It looks as if our spring frocks might become backgrounds for picture-book illustrations and we may tell the world of our favorite scenery by means of stitching. The little old red school

With borders of plain, black satin, or in the color predominating in the blouse. Fulle silk, with colored stripes, is also popular for dressy overblouses, and by managing the stripes ingeniously designers need no other material for decoration. Plain silks with delicate all-over patterns in embroidery are, among the prettiest of the new arrivals in materials for blouses.

In sports, and dressy blouses, favor seems to be about equally divided between the long and short sleeve, but in tailored blouses long-sleeved models are in the majority. There is great diversity of necklines in all blouses and many chic new arrivals. In the tailored class, have high collars. The

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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

Mary Graham Bonner
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THE NEW YEAR

"Well," said the New Year, "here I am. And here I'm going to stay for twelve whole months.

"I shan't cheat. I won't be one to give short measure. No, I'll be here my full amount of time.

"I just heard some one say that time was really running away from her. "Time won't do that. Of course Time moves very quickly along—much too quickly, really, but it won't run away from any one.

"Time won't wait for any one, either. Time is very strict.

"But I'm glad to have a look around before I really begin a year. I don't feel I have really begun until I have been here a bit.

No one will notice for a few days whether I'm being a successful or pleasant year or not.

"I'll just take a look and see if things are as the Old Year told me I'd find them.

"The Old Year told me I'd find the world very beautiful with lovely places in it and lots of people.

"Some of the people I'd find quite big, and some I'd find quite small, the Old Year told me.

"And I see that the Old Year was right.

The Old Year told me that people would make fine resolutions the first day they saw me—and even just before the Old Year left they began making splendid resolutions.

"But the Old Year told me not to be disappointed if they were not all kept. "Then, too, the Old Year said, it would never do if it were so perfect a world that there would be nothing to make a resolution about.

"But the Old Year did tell me that some children at the time when he was new made one resolution and that they kept it.

"It was a beautiful resolution and it thrilled the Old Year when he was young and new and when he was old.

"He said that these children had resolved and promised each other they would never be cruel.

"They would never bully children younger than themselves by their actions or by the way they spoke to them. They wouldn't call little chil-



"It Was a Beautiful Resolution."

dren babies when they knew they wouldn't like to be called babies and when, too, they weren't babies any longer.

"They made up their minds they would not be cruel to any of their species—they wouldn't say things to hurt others' feelings.

"For that, the Old Year said, is being cruel, too.

"They agreed never to be unkind to animals, to make fun of another's clothes, never to make older people feel they were a nuisance and much too old, anyway.

"They promised each other they would keep this resolution. And the Old Year, as I've told you, told me that they did.

"While I look around me I'm hoping that there will be others who will make that same resolution and that I will have the joy, too, of seeing it kept.

"For the Old Year said there was nothing so dreadful as cruelty. 'Cruelty by word or deed,' he said, was 'just too dreadful!'

"Ah, do I hear that resolution being made by some others now? Yes, I do!

"Thrilling! Dear me, I won't have to wish myself a Happy New Year.

"I know I'll be a Happy New Year.

"And what do I hear now?

"Grown-ups making a resolution never to hurt the feelings of children, never to tell them 'how they have grown,' and all of the many speeches children get so tired of hearing, and which hurt their feelings.

"The Old Year told me about these speeches, too, and he was hoping some of the Grown-Ups would make this New Year's resolution.

"Oh, now I start off with great glee being a New Year.

"And it's fun to start off with great glee—particularly when all about you people are saying:

"Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!"

Riddles

Which is the largest room in the world?

The room for improvement.

When have sparrows four feet?

When there are two of them.

What has three feet, yet it cannot walk an inch?

A ruler.

What is smaller than a gnat's mouth?

Its tongue.

When does a girl knit without using knitting needles?

When she knits her brows.

Why is the letter A like a field of clover?

Because there is a B after it.

How do we know that lions are good ships?

Because they are tail bearers.

New Screw Driver

Among the recent inventions is a one-handed screw driver that holds any screw by its slot with a firm grip, thereby adapting itself particularly to machines composed of small parts, radio sets, typewriters, etc.

The tool consists of a hollow shaft engaging a screw driver bit at one end. A rod down the center is connected to two pieces of spring steel, which, when extended, cover the screw driver bit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FARM BUREAU NOTES.

(Continued from first page.) should not be allowed to be out in snow storms.

Remember that, in Denmark, cows are stabled nine months in the year.

Feed Heavier.
Most of us need to feed heavier. There are not enough feeders of grain in the county. If it is good for some to feed liberally of grain ration, then it is good for all.

We have farmers in the county who feed more grain in a week than some do in all winter.

Costs But Pays.
Yes, it costs to buy grain for cows, but, if the cows are any good, the money spent for grain, ground oats, middlings, "milk-maker" comes back with interest.

Cow Comfort Leads to Cow Profit.
To let cows be dry in winter is the height of folly. In winter cream and butter are high. The United States Department of Agriculture has found by studying thousands of herds, that fall freshening is most profitable.

Why the Rough Stuff?
Why should the bungling, rough, careless way of farming, and keeping cows and hens continue any longer? The county is no longer new. People have lived here fifty years. Lumbering is nearly done. The rough, pioneer days are over. Civilization has come. Modern methods should prevail. Why should men who have lived here forty years cling to the old, rough, unprofitable ways of managing land, cows and hens? The same men pick up scraps of other men's better ways, autos, telephone, good roads, rural mail delivery, better lights, etc.

Never Too Late To Mend.
A man can always improve, and should. A year is just closing. A new year and a new chance is just ahead. Why not every farmer say: "I'm done with this poverty-stricken rough stuff. I am going to do as well as the best of them. I am going to make this farm and these cows and hens provide better for the family. If there are any better ways of doing than I am doing, I'm going to do that way. I'm going to move forward."

Nice New Barn.
I wish everyone in the county who needs a better cow barn (and that means a good many) could see the nice one just finished by John McGillis, on the southern county line. The first thing in the spring better drive down there and see it. This barn is for stock only—the hay being kept in the old barn—is warm, handy, and light.

Probably more windows in this barn than in any others in the county, but none too many.

John and his hired man have built the barn alone, of home-cut lumber. Many others of us could do the same. This being so slow in progress and improvement in your eye. It is easy to settle down into a habit of putting off, going without, and kidding ourselves that we can't find a way to go ahead.

Don't Be Afraid of the Cows.
Because a few head of purebred cattle were condemned in the recent tuberculosis test, a few misguided people are hollering, "Nope! No use breeding to purebreds." How does their small experience and information compare with the great dairy world at large? Real dairymen keep right on breeding to the best purebreds they can find. The good qualities in our scrub cattle here come from the purebred sires or dam back in the ancestry of that scrub cow.

Get This Straight.
In this county 95 animals were condemned for tuberculosis, of these, 8 were registered purebred Holsteins. Some jumped at the conclusion that Holsteins are no better than others to have. T. B. NOT so at all. There are several times as many Holsteins in the county not condemned as condemned.

Otsego County.
I wrote to the County Agent of Otsego County, asking him how many Holsteins were condemned there. He replied that 219 cattle were condemned and that 2 of these were registered Holsteins. They have more Holsteins there than we have.

Don't Let Them Fool You.
Don't let them fool you when some misinformed persons holler that we didn't have tuberculosis among our cattle until we began to ship in purebreds. How do they know that we did not?

Another Thing the Public ought to Know.
There has been a lot of holler about the state robbing poor people by taking their best cows.

I am situated to know the inside facts. I now shall tell the public that with a very few exceptions in the case of extra good and high priced cows, that owners of condemned cows got all that the cows cost, or were worth and that the state got more than it was worth. Fifty per cent of the stock shipped could not have been sold at all by the owners, to farmers or butchers, but brought \$15 to \$60 each in the settlement.

It is now known that several grossly exaggerated to the public what the cow really cost.

I have pinned down some of the loudest hollers and find that they got in cash all the cow cost; and in several instances, \$15 more than they paid for the cow.

The Public.
The public will have, at last, milk for their children, not loaded with germs of tuberculosis which are known to be liable to be transmitted to human beings.

Quarantine.
There is strict quarantine placed on the county by State authorities against shipping in or out cattle without permits issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Lansing, Mich.

There will be a second test next spring. I shall not again mention the T. B. test in these columns before that time.

Owens 1100 of Them.
A recent publication by the Michigan State Department of Agriculture, says that the State of Michigan owns upwards of 1600 cows, of which more than 1100 are registered purebred Holsteins. Not so bad!

Four of these have made over 38 pounds of butter each in 7 days. Two have made 33 pounds. Five have made 31 pounds. Eleven have made 30 pounds. Sixty-seven have made 25 to 30 pounds in 7 days; 120 have made above 20 pounds in 7 days so you see the world moves right ahead.

Where Hugo Got Him.
One of these cows was the mother

of the fine bull calf that Hugo Scholber and wife brought back from Traverse City in the auto.

The same chance is open to others. Let's Pull Together.

Let's be friends and pull together. You have had your troubles, and I have had mine. None of us are perfect. We all can improve. Why not call at the office agents office more this winter? There you will find a warm fire, a welcome, and matches and tobacco for those who smoke. Meet your brother farmers there. It is a great place to meet the other fellow. Make the county agents office your headquarters, the place you expect to go every time you go to town.

Bring your troubles and your problems there and you and I can straighten them out.

See the county agent for your seed, feed and fertilizer problems. I have had 1500 calls in the past year. Were you one of them? How will the agent know your wants and problems if you never call or write or telephone? Use your county agent.

Merry Christmas and an open mind and a brave heart for the New Year.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL VILLAGE ELECTION.
To the Electors of the village of Grayling:

Notice is herewith given that at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling, held on the eighth day of December, 1924, as adjourned from the first day of December, 1924, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that, the question of the Authorization to the Village Council of the Village of Grayling to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the village of Grayling, at a special election to be held on Monday, the 12th day of January, 1925, and a special election is hereby called to be held in the said Village of Grayling, as provided in the last mentioned resolution.

Notice is further given that such question will be stated on the ballots to be used at said election as follows:

Shall the Common Council of the village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling?

The form of ballot to be used at such special election shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the Common Council of the village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling?

() YES.
() NO.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.
To the Qualified Electors of the Village of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with Act 126 of the Public Acts of 1917, the undersigned Village Clerk will, upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday, or the day of any regular or special election, or official primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said village not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration, except that I can receive no name for registration during the time intervening between the second Saturday before any general election or special election or official primary election and the day of such special election.

January 3rd, 1925, Last Day for Registration for Special Election Held in the Village of Grayling January 12th, 1925.

All electors not already registered and intending to vote at the said special Village Election, should make PERSONAL APPLICATION to me on or before the 3rd day of January, 1925.

Notice is further given that I will be at the Court House in the office of the County Clerk, in the Village of Grayling, on Saturday, the 20th day of December, 1924, and on the 27th day of December, 1924, on the eighth day of January, 1925, until five o'clock in the afternoon on each of said days for the purpose of receiving such registrations aforesaid.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1924. CHRIS JENSON, Village Clerk.

Dog-Day Superstitions.
An ancient British calendar dealing with midsummer problems says: New-born children must on no account, during the dog-days, sleep on bones—not even when hidden beneath their nurse's lap; and it will bring fatal bad luck if he be set to sleep on graves. A deal of superstition still clings round the baby. When it takes its first airing abroad, it is of highest importance that the upstairs before going down, or it will never rise in the world. In rural cottages, blessed with the old-fashioned wooden cradle, the superstition clings to it that to rock the empty cradle is to rock into it a new baby.

Smoking in Church.
The indignant complaint was recently made at a religious conference in England, to the effect that men go to church smoking and only put out their pipes or cigarettes in the church porch. This objection would have astonished Welshmen of an earlier generation. Until little more than half a century ago, in many parts of Wales, the opening of the sermon was the recognition for the male part of the congregation to light their pipes, and no one seems then to have seen any irreverence in the custom. Similar conditions, obtained in various parts of Scotland.

Begin Wrong.
The chief trouble with the husbands who try to put something over on their wives is that they usually begin where the writers of fairy tales leave off.

HILL WILL FACE MURDER CHARGE

HELD WITHOUT BAIL FOR THE SLAYING OF ALEX. DOMBROWSKI

SAUERMAN IS DENIED PARDON

Serving Life Sentence for Killing—Returned to Prison to Await Outcome of Hill Trial

Detroit—Arraigned in justice court, charged with murder in connection with the death, three years ago, of Alex. Dombrowski, Harry Wade Hill, Detroit's "phantom yegg," said to be the double of Leo Sauerman, now under sentence in Marquette penitentiary for the killing of Dombrowski, stood mute before Justice L. Eugene Sharp. A plea of not guilty was entered for him and his examination was set for January 12. He was remanded to jail without bail.

Hill's arraignment followed a conference this week in Governor Alex. C. Groesbeck's Detroit office, between state and federal officials at which Hill, Sauerman, Noel and Brown were questioned by the governor and as a result of which evidence collected by the state police against Hill in connection with the Dombrowski murder was turned over to the Wayne county prosecutor's office for the purpose of bringing the phantom yegg to trial.

The conference was called by the governor following a petition that Sauerman be pardoned in view of new developments in the Dombrowski case, namely the capture of Hill and his alleged implication in the crime.

After closely questioning the principals as well as a number of witnesses, to obtain any new version of the case, Governor Groesbeck declined to take action on the pardon request, declaring present developments fail to warrant it. Sauerman was taken back to Marquette.

AIR SERVICE ASKS FEDERAL AID
Seeks To Have \$100,000,000 Set Aside For Commercial Loans

Washington—The first move to enlist the aid of the federal government, through act of congress, in building up a commercial airplane transportation service in the United States, was taken this week when a bill was introduced in the house proposing to set aside \$100,000,000 for use in making loans to persons engaged in commercial aviation or in construction of aeroplanes. Immediate consideration of the measure was asked.

Representative McLeod, of Detroit, who introduced the bill, said that the proposition had received encouragement from a number of members with whom he has discussed it.

The bill provides for governmental loans to individuals and corporations engaged in the business of transporting passengers and freight or both by aircraft.

Loans would draw interest at the rate of 3 per cent annually and payable within seven years. They would be secured by a lien on aircraft hangers and other facilities.

SOVIET SENDS U. S. SHARP NOTE
Complains That Coast Guard Cutter Committed "Lawless Act"

Moscow—George Tchitcherine, the soviet minister of foreign affairs, December 11, sent a caustic note to Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, complaining that the United States coast guard vessel, Bear, in 1920, had committed an act which constituted a gross violation of international law and of the sovereignty of the soviet republic. The note added that a similar "lawless act" would be sternly repressed by the soviet government.

The complaint of the soviet government was that the Bear had affixed a brass plate to a rock on the Chukotak peninsula in Emma Bay, Cape Puzos, in Siberia near Bering straits, bearing the inscription "United States geodetic magnetic station."

The plate, which was discovered by soviet authorities, bears the warning "For disturbing this plate, \$250 fine or imprisonment."

MARX CABINET RESIGNS POST
President Ebert Calls Meeting Of Reichstag For January 5

Berlin—President Ebert has accepted the resignation of Chancellor Marx's cabinet and it was announced at the same time that the new Reichstag would hold its first session January 5.

The formal retirement of the Marx cabinet was merely in the nature of ratifying the ministry's resolution of last week to resign as soon after the election as possible. President Ebert will discuss the parliamentary situation with Reichstag leaders this week and then will decide which party is best qualified to undertake the task of forming a new coalition government. In the meantime, at the request of the executive, the present cabinet will continue its duties.

NOTICE.
I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER, 12-4-3 Texas, Frederic Township.

READ THE AVALANCHE.
Hairs of the Head.

Forty to fifty thousand hairs is the crop on the average man's head, according to investigations conducted by professors of the Munich university.

CHRISTMAS COLD WEATHER

By Martha Banning Thomas.

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TO BEGIN with, it's cold. COLD!! Not your gray, pinched, peaked-y backdoor yard cold where bits of paper dance in a forlorn, forgotten reel; none of your brick-front houses on dismal streets, seeming by the best calculation, to store up a chill bleakness rather than affording protection against it—not that, but a brisk, lively, tingling cold which makes one hurry to feed the wood-boxes before dark; a cold that etches crystal ferns on the window glass, thoughtfully leaving a peep-hole near the top where you can peer out; a cold that fringes the ice-house with an orderly row of icicles that look like white, corrugated carrots, and manufactures thin, papery ice in the hollows on the ground, the sort of ice children like to stamp on, delighting in its noisy crackle and the sunburst of fine lines radiating from the point of contact.

There are waffles for supper! Do you remember how waffles look and smell and taste on a cold night, when you're "holer as a bar-pot hole?"

Do you, now? "Get out the maple syrup," orders Candice, hopping over the waffle iron and making a particularly neat job of it. "You'll find the jug on the pantry shelf."

Soon we are sitting before a pile of waffles a foot high.

"Now, Peter," demonstrates Candice, "don't give me such an everlasting helping!"

but Peter serenely continues to fill up his plate.

"They say Shorty's little shaver ain't so well tonight," he remarks, passing the smoking beauties to his wife. "Got an awful cold. They had the doc this afternoon."

The Christmas and Shorty's little boy sick! He lives across the road and bestows his cheerful chatter and shining eyes upon us without charge and great generosity.

"I had something to give him. Guess I'll run over after supper," says Candice, making the first luscious incision into her layered waffles.

His name is Billy and he's about as big as a grasshopper; he gets "under foot" and is always frolicking at somebody's heels like a puppy. He it was, upon one occasion, who explained to us the nature of his dinner.

"Well, William," we said, apropos of his third cookie in the middle of the afternoon, "didn't you have any dinner?"

"Oh, yes," he beamed upon us, "We had putting for dinner."

"Putting?" we inquired. "Don't you mean pudding?"

"No, putting," he insisted, "because we put the flour in, you know!"

Dear little Billy, with his high, clear voice that always reminded one of water running over pebbles.

"His father said he was going to get him a Christmas tree this year," continued Peter. "I saw him dragging it down from the woods day before yesterday. Bill was hoppin' up and down some, I can tell you. Ticked to pieces. Guess that's where he caught cold."

At this point there was a great tramping and puffing in the kitchen. People walk right in on a cold night.

"Only me," sounds the soft, stirring voice of Billy's Italian father. "I just came. I say day boy o' mine all right now. Verra seek dis mornin'—fine by now, an' can I have d' milk?"

A quick light-heartedness flows over us. We had not realized how deliberately cheerful we had striven to be. Billy, better! All's right with the world!

It's colder! A careful scrutiny of the thermometer reveals the temperature at six above.

Peter gokes around down cellar and covers up his apples and potatoes against a night of freezing, and brings up some red beauties to be consumed later in the evening with nuts and popcorn.

COLD!
Sleigh bells jingling by on the road! Merry Christmas!

Christmas Dinner Centerpiece
An attractive centerpiece for the Christmas dinner is made by cutting a large five-pointed star out of white sheet wadding. This is placed smoothly downward. The stuff upper side is then pulled apart a little to simulate snow and sprinkled thick with Jack Frost powder. In the center of this is placed a bowl or tall glass vase filled with holly twigs and scarlet berries, and the edges of the star are outlined with pieces of holly.

You Said It!
It is frequently difficult to separate the man who claims to have a soul above mere gain from a little of him.

A Few Things B. F. Did.
To Benjamin Franklin is credited the establishment of the first circulating library in America, the invention of the bifocal eyeglass, and the lightning rod.

READ THE AVALANCHE.

GRAVE OF MARY MAGDALENE

Tradition Asserts That the "Great Sinner" of the Bible Was Interred in France.

The inhabitants of the Provence district in southern France claim that Mary Magdalene, the "great sinner" of the Bible, was interred in Saint Maximin chapel a hundred miles from Toulon and Marseilles.

Although the earthly remains of one of the first saints are declared to be contained within this chapel, it is not often visited by sightseers, the Detroit News states. A picturesque old woman conducts a small number of strangers daily through the chapel. She leads them into a crypt where the skull of Mary Magdalene, lined with bands of gold, is supposed to be kept. The bones are dark, almost black. Yet the deep eyeholes and delicately curved jawbones still arouse an impression of beauty. In a golden shrine one sees a curt and to have been cut from the head of the saint who, with her hair, dried the feet of the Savior. The hair is thick and soft and has a gold-brown luster.

To the question how the saint came into Provence the old guardian tells that on account of the persecutions of Christians in Palestine Mary Magdalene and her brother, Lazarus, left their native country. The ship on which they traveled happened to be wrecked near Marseilles.

He Got the Job.
The manager of a business house was interviewing applicants for the post of night watchman.

He was very hard to please and always found something the matter with each man.

One had brown hair, which the manager could not stand; another squinted, a third was Irish, a fourth too thin, another too short, and yet another too tall.

John Smithers heard of this as he sat in the corridor waiting his turn to be interviewed, and resolved to be prepared for everything.

When his turn came all went well. There was nothing the matter with him as far as appearance was concerned and his references were quite in order.

"Now," said the manager, "is your health quite sound?"

"Well, sir," replied John. "I have only one complaint."

"What is that?" said the manager, pricking up his ears.

"Insomnia," came the reply.—London Answers.

May Day and May Baskets.
The celebration of May day is an English custom which originated with the Druids. The Floralia, or floral games of the Romans, which began on April 28 and continued several days, were festivals of similar character. In medieval and Tudor England the first day of May was a great public holiday. The young people started at an early hour to gather flowers and Hawthorn branches, with which they decorated every door and window in the village. In Northamptonshire it was the custom for the young men early on May day morning to leave a large bunch of flowering Hawthorn at the door of the prettiest girl in the village; later the Hawthorn gave place to the May basket. In some places in the United States May baskets are hung on the evening of April 30, but there is no authority for the custom.

NEW BODY SAVES LIVES.
Studebaker's Duplex bodies have saved fourteen lives since the car was introduced to the public on September 14.

Four instances, in which these cars have left the roadway and rolled over and over down steep embankments and into canyons, carrying from one to five passengers, all of whom escaped injury by reason of the steel body on the car, have been reported.

When the Duplex body was announced, in addition to the special feature of thirty seconds' conversion from an open to an enclosed car, this was emphasized:

"This sturdy, steel body will give to motor cars the same new factor of safety which the steel railway coach gives to train passengers."

In Durango, Colo., Patrick Kelly of Chama, N. M., was driving with four friends in a Standard six Duplex phaeton. The car slid off the edge of a bluff and tumbled over and over, 68 ft. to the bottom.

With Mr. Kelly were A. E. Bruce of Albuquerque, F. R. Becker of Scott's Bluff, Neb.; Dr. H. P. Huntington, Jr., A. K. Barr and Robert Brown of Chama. Their joint report of the precipitous plunge down the hillside concluded:

"No one was injured."

Again, at Louisiana, Mo., J. E. Jennings of Pleasant Hill and three others were driving in a Standard six Duplex. As they stopped at the edge of a sixteen foot embankment at the approach of a bridge, to let traffic pass, the bank crumbled away, tumbling the car over to the bottom.

One man, who jumped out, was hurt; the others escaped injury.

William Hile of Hornbrook, Cal., worn out with a day's work, fell asleep at the wheel of the easy driving Standard six Duplex. The car left the road, rolled over twice down the canyon side of the Yreka road and came to rest at the bottom, wheels in air.

Mechanics who got the car and ran it under its own power to the garage, stood on top of it—seven of them—to show its strength.

Bradley Saunders, returning to Kansas City from Lawrence, Kans., was forced off the road to escape being hit by a car coming out of a side road.

The Special six Duplex rolled over into the deep gully beside the road. Neither Mr. Saunders nor any of the four men with him were injured.

In these four instances, every man who stayed in the car escaped injury. One, who jumped from the security of the steel body, was hurt.

The strength that's in steel bridges; the safety that's in steel railway coaches—both are in the steel Duplex body. In addition to the half-minute conversion from open freedom to enclosed comfort.

"Electricity Transportation of Future," Declares Edison



CHICAGO.—"The white coal age is at hand." This is the statement made by Thomas Alva Edison after inspecting the giant electric locomotive of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad which has just completed a three-months' tour of thirty-nine American cities.

"This is the transportation of the future," the Wizard of Menlo Park declared as he peered the side of the modern colossus of the rails. "It is an indication of what is being done, and what can be done with the marvel of white coal. Some day not only railroad trains but every automotive vehicle—trucks and passenger cars, too—will be propelled by electricity. Its powers and uses are still but little known."

Mr. Edison was one of the 300,000 enthusiastic visitors who were shown through and initiated into the mysteries of the electric locomotive on its demonstration tour. Four expert technicians were stationed at different locations inside its huge body, and the only question which baffled them was the query of a small boy, who demanded to know the exact number of nuts and bolts used in its construction.

The locomotive chosen for the tour was one which already had seen 300,000 miles of mountain running in the Cascade Range. Only once during the tour did it move under its own power after leaving its own lines, and it had to submit to the ignominy of being towed by steam locomotives, any of which it could easily vanquish in a tug-of-war. At Erie, Pa., the electrical giant was given opportunity to prove its strength in just such a test. Here the East Erie Commercial railroad maintains an electrical test track, and to this stretch a powerful steam locomotive was brought, puffing and fretting at the challenge. But

the result was as always: the "Milwaukee's" white coal-eater pulled the steam mogul backward.

"What does a dreamer do on one of these locomotives?" This, according to the experts, was probably the most frequent question. It was pointed out that his job has become much simpler—a little oiling now and then, with most of his attention directed toward the oil burners which heat the water and steam for the comfort of passengers.

Speeds of 60 to 65 miles an hour are not unusual, it was explained. One of its greatest feats is the drawing of a 4,000-ton train up a 2 per cent grade at a speed of 25 miles an hour, whereas with steam power, the expert said, the same grade requires two locomotives in summer and three in winter, with a maximum speed under such conditions of 15 miles an hour.

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